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## Littlerock Man Charged with Having Dozens of Fighting Roosters

A Littlerock man has been charged with owning several gamecocks, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Daniel Rochmes said Inocencio Rodríguez Aguirre (dob 6/22/67) faces 28 misdemeanor counts of possession of a bird for fighting.

Aguirre is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department A6 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Acting on a tip of possible cockfighting, Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies executed a search warrant at East Avenue R4 in Littlerock on Feb. 27, according to the prosecutor.

Deputies found approximately 150 game birds on the property, 28 of them in fighting trim. Their combs and wattles were cut to prevent injuries during a fight, and their spurs filed down so blades could be attached, Rochmes added.

Each of the misdemeanor counts carry a maximum possible sentence of 1 year in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000. Aguirre remains in custody and his bail is \$140,000.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.